

## **OHIO STRATEGIC ANALYSIS AND INFORMATION CENTER**

The Ohio Homeland Security Division contributes to the prevention, detection, deterrence and response to terrorist activities in a number of ways. Central to any successful interdiction of terrorists is the ability to effectively collect and share information from many different sources.

Vital links to build intelligence on terrorist operations come from traditional agencies and from non-mainstream information services. To this end, the Ohio Division of Homeland Security has created the Strategic Analysis and Information Center to facilitate effective terrorism-

related information and intelligence sharing.

## PRIMARY OBJECTIVE

The SAIC is a team of local, county, state, federal and private sector jurisdictions determined to make a difference. The primary objective of the SAIC is to function as a "one-stop-shop" for terrorism-related information for the State of Ohio.

The SAIC serves as a secure central fusion process for the collection, filtering, analysis and dissemination of terrorism-related information. The SAIC integrates existing local, state, federal, public and private sectors. The resulting analysis is distributed not from the point of view of any one agency, but from a neutral homeland security perspective.

Working as partners with the Federal Department of Homeland Security, the SAIC also establishes and maintains the capability to monitor, prevent and respond to potential threats. DHS maintains daily contact with Ohio Homeland Security, supplying critical guidance and intelligence, helping ensure the State of Ohio is fully informed and prepared.

The SAIC refers terrorist specific "criminal" intelligence to five FBI Joint Terrorism Task Forces, which are located in the major urban areas of Ohio. The JTTFs consist of representatives of federal, local, county and state law enforcement agencies. Viewed as the nation's clearinghouse for criminal investigations relating to terrorism activities, each JTTF has its own investigative and analytical staff.

## SAIC PRODUCTS

- Serve as catalyst and facilitator for effective exchange of information, traditional and nontraditional sources
- Operating and responding to toll-free 877-OHS-INTEL tip line/hotline
- Issue alerts as appropriate to various sectors
- Issue reports on trends, technology, success stories, daily/monthly summaries
- Electronically file, catalog and cross-reference sensitive intelligence bulletins, advisories and alert messages for access by law enforcement
- Relay bulletins, advisories and alerts to all sectors as appropriate
- Compile threat assessments
- Maintain a state map situational status display at all times
- Assess threat levels for special events around the state
- Maintain a secure communications facility
- Offer secure storage for classified information and equipment
- Flash notification abilities for various sectors
- Maintain an emergency contact list of critical agency officials
- Implement activations of the statewide law enforcement response plan
- Maintain personnel and equipment inventory related to the law enforcement response plan
- Collect, collate, filter, analyze, disseminate and review critical terrorist-related information from all sources
- Monitor evolving terrorist-related activities
- Sponsor information-sharing meetings throughout the state
- Promote information-sharing best practices







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